GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DEMAND FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a): whether Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and some other States have demandedearly announcement of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy and certain other crops including some concessions for farmers in drought hit States;

(b): if so, the details of the demands put forth by the States; and

(c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The State Governments of Punjab and other States had asked for early announcement ofMinimum Support Prices (M.S.Ps) for Kharif Crops including paddy, fixation of higher M.S.P. of paddy (Rs. 570-850), Coarse Cereals (Rs.530-878), Pulses (Rs.1450-2261), Groundnut-in- shell (Rs.1460-1983), Cotton (Rs.1875-3400), payment of bonus etc.

(c): The Government announced the Minimum Support Prices of various Kharif Crops for2002-03 Season taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (C.A.C.P), the views of State Government and Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors considered important for fixation of Minimum Support PricesKeeping in view the failure of monsoon in various parts of the country during June-August, 2002, the Government announced Special Drought Relief Prices for Kharif Crops of 2002-03 Season. The Special Drought Relief Prices are over and above M.S.Ps. already announced forKharif Crops of 2002-03 Season. A statement showing Minimum Support Prices and the SpecialDrought Relief Prices fixed by the Government for Kharif Crops of 2002-03 Season is enclosed.

Minimum support price and special drought relief price for Kharif crops of 2002-03 season

(Rs. Per quintal)

Crop/Commodity	Variety	Minimum Support Price	Special Drought Relief Price
Paddy	Common	530	20
	Grade-A	560	20
Jowar		485	5
Bajra		485	10
Maize		485	5
Ragi		485	5
Tur (Arhar)		1320	5
Moong		1330	5
Urad		1330	5
Groundnut-in-shell		1355	20
Soyabean	Yellow	885	10
	Black	795	10
Sunflowerseed		1195	15
Sesamum		1450	5
Nigerseed		1120	0
Cotton (Kapas)	F-414/H-777/J-34	1675	20
	H-4	1875	20